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SUBJECT: DIONYSIOS MANENTIS' DEATH CREATES UNCERTAIN
SITUATION IN KOZANI CONSTITUENCY.

1. DEATH ON JAN 29 OF NEW DEMOCRACY DEPUTY, FORMER
MINISTER OF NORTHERN GREECE AND LONG-TIME ERE STALWART
FROM KOZANI, DIONYSIOS MANENTIS (BIO THESS A-45) FURTHER
COMPLICATES ALREADY CONTESTED SITUATION IN THAT
CONSTITUENCY.

2. IN NOVEMBER 17 ELECTIONS, MANENTIS TRAILED FIVE ND
CANDIDATES FROM KOZANI IN PERSONAL VOTES, RECEIVING
9,288 OUT OF 54,875 CAST FOR ND SLATE. BY CONTRAST,
CENTER UNION (CU) FRONTRUNNER, FORMER UNDERSECRETARY
OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND CU DEPUTY FROM 1961 ONWARD,
MICHAEL PAPACONSTANTINOU (BIO THESS A-40), RECEIVED
6,034 PERSONAL VOTES OF 16,736 CAST FOR CU IN KOZANI
CONSTITUENCY. DESPITE PAPACONSTANTINOU'S CONTENTION
THAT UNDER MODIFIED PROPORTIONAL ELECTION SYSTEM HE, AS CU
LEADER IN DISTRICT, SHOULD BE DESIGNATED FOR KOZANI'S
FIFTH PARLIAMENTARY SEAT INSTEAD OF ND'S LAST-PLACE
MANENTIS, INTERIOR MINISTRY RULED THAT LATTER SHOULD
BE INSTALLED AS DEPUTY. PAPACONSTANTINOU THEREUPON FILED
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APPEAL TO DECISION WITH ELECTORAL COURT IN ATHENS,

WHICH IS STILL PENDING.

3. SHOULD ELECTORAL COURT NOW FIND IN PAPA CONSTANTINOU'S FAVOR, HE WOULD OF COURSE BE IMMEDIATELY INSTALLED IN VACANT MANENTIS SEAT. HOWEVER, SHOULD IT DECLINE HIS APPEAL, A BY-ELECTION WOULD BE NECESSARY TO FILL VACANCY, WHICH WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO GAUGE ANY CHANGES IN STRENGTHS OF TWO PARTIES IN THIS AREA SINCE THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS.

4. COMMENT: THIS WOULD BE OF INTEREST IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH WHETHER SOME RUMBLINGS OF UNHAPPINESS WE HAVE BEEN HEARING WITH REGARD TO KARAMANLIS AND ND LEADERSHIP, ESPECIALLY IN WAKE OF DECEMBER MONARCHY REFERENDUM AND HANDLING OF CYPRUS CONFRONTATION, HAVE ANY SUBSTANTIAL POPULAR BASIS.
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